the State Governments in reducing the incidence of sickness in the small scale sector. The Scheme was put into operation from the year 1983-84 onwards. The amounts sanctioned and released by the Central Government during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 were Rs. 86.00 lakhs and Rs. 51.90 lakhs respectively. As the Scheme was under review, only an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs was released in the year 1985-86. The Scheme has been reviewed and the terms and conditions have since been considerably liberalised.

Oil Exploration

157. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various agencies engaged in oil exploration and production;

(b) whether Government have issued directions to these agencies to increase oil production to achieve self-sufficiency in oil; and

(c) if so, the achievements made so far by these agencies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited.

(b) Attainment of self-sufficiency is one of the prime objectives of these companies.

(c) Crude production during 1986-87 was 30.5 million tonnes, indicating self-sufficiency of 66.3 per cent as against 32.6 per cent in 1980-81

Power supplied by West Bengal State Electricity Board

158. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much power supply was received by the Central Electricity Authority from the West Bengal State Electricity Board till the end of September, 1987;

(b) the details of the areas to which such power was supplied by the CEA; and

(c) whether the supply has since been stopped or is still continuing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Central Electricity Authority is not directly involved in inter-system transactions. The Regional Load Despatch Centre of the Eastern Regional Electricity Board is supervising and monitoring the inter-connected operation of the Regional grid and inter-system exchanges. Wherever there is a surplus of power in any of the power systems, the same is transferred to the neighbouring deficit States for optimum utilisation of the available power. During April, 1987 to September, 1987, West Bengal have supplied surplus power to the extent of 262.3 MU to the neighbouring power systems of Bihar, DVC and Orissa.

The practice of availing surplus power whenever available, by neighbouring deficit systems is still being continued.

Release of Power by West Bengal

159. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Govern-